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mendments to the Claims

This listing will replace all price versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

listing of Claims:

1. (original) A mechanical fastening system for an article, comprising:

a first fastening component comprising an oriented nonwoven loop material disposed on an article, the oriented nonwoven loop material comprising a nonwoven web and produced by application of a force causing constituent fibers of the nonwoven web to become oriented in a direction of the applied force without substantial necking or gathering of the nonwoven web in a direction perpendicular to the applied force; and

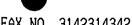
a second fastening component comprising a hook material disposed on the article and adapted to engage the first fastening component.

- 2. (withdrawn) The mechanical fastening system of claim 1 wherein the first fastening component has been stabilized by laminating the oriented nonwoven loop material to an elastomeric material to provide elastic properties to the resulting composite.
- 3. (original) The mechanical fastening system of claim 1 wherein constituent fibers of the nonwoven web are oriented in the machine direction.
- 4. (withdrawn) The mechanical fastening system of claim 1 wherein constituent fibers of the nonwoven web are oriented in the cross machine direction.

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- 5. (withdrawn) The mechanical factoring system of the laim 1 wherein the first fastening component has been abilized by thermally treating the material.
- 6. (original) A mechanical fastening system for an sticle, comprising:
- a first fastening component comprising an oriented nwoven loop material disposed on an article, the oriented
- nwoven loop material comprising a nonwoven web and
- I toduced by application of a force causing constituent
- bers of the nonwoven web to become oriented in a direction
- the applied force, the first fastening component having
- len stabilized by laminating the oriented nonwoven loop
- raterial to an inelastic material; and
- a second fastening component comprising a hook material composed on the article and adapted to engage the first stening component.
- 7. (original) The mechanical fastering system of aim 6 wherein constituent fibers of the nonwoven web to come oriented in the direction of the force without substantial necking or gathering of the monwoven web in the rection perpendicular to the applied force.
- 8. (withdrawn) A mechanical fastening system of claim 6 wherein constituent fibers of the nonwoven web become claim the direction of the force with concomitant reking or narrowing of the nonwoven website the direction prendicular to the applied force.
- 9. (original) The mechanical fastening system of c aim 6 wherein nonwoven web is formed of substantially c atinuous fibers.



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- . 10. __original) ... The mechanical fastening system of -claim 6 wherein constituent fibers of the nonwoven web are oriented ...: the machine direction.
- (withdrawn) The mechanical fastening system of claim 6 wherein constituent fibers of the nonwoven web are oriented in the cross machine direction.
- (original) A disposable absorbent article for personal vear, comprising:
- a body having first and second end regions and comprising a liquid permeable inner layer for contact with the wearer's skin, an outer layer in opposed relation with the inner layer, and an absorbent layer disposed between the inner layer and the outer layer; and
- a mechanical fastening system comprising fir3: and. second fastening components disposed in the respessive first and second and regions and adapted to refastenably secure the body in a pant configuration, the first faste ming component formed of an oriented nonwoven loop material comprising a nonwoven web, the oriented nonwoven cop material produced by application of a force causing constituent fibers of the nonwoven web to become oriented in a direction of the applied force without substant al necking or gathering of the nonwoven web in a direction perpendicular to the applied force, and the second fastening component comprising a hook material.
- (original) The disposable absorbent arricle of claim 12 wherein the first fastening component has been stabilized by laminating the oriented nonwoven lock material to an inelastic material.
- 14. withdrawn) The disposable absorbent article of claim 12 Wierein the first fastening component has been

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to an elastomeric sterial to provide elastic properties to the resulting compatite.

15. (origina A disposable absorbent article for personal wear, comparising:

a body having first and second end regions and comprising a liquid permeable inner layer for contact with the wearer's skin, in outer layer in opposed relation with the inner layer, as an absorbent layer disposed between the inner layer and the outer layer; and

a mechanical stening system comprising first and second fastening components disposed in the respective first and second end regions and adapted to refastenably secure the body in a pant configuration, the first fastening component formed of an oriented nonwoven loop material comprising a nonword noweb, the oriented nonwoven loop material produced application of a force causing constituent fibers of the nonwoven web to become oriented and direction of the policy force, the first fastening component being extensible and bonded in overlaying relationship onto a layer of the body to retain extension and retraction characteristics of oriented nonwoven loop material, and the according component comprising a hook material.

- 16. (withdraw) The disposable absorbent article of model of the claim 15 wherein the first fastening component has been to stabilized by lamin ting the oriented nonwoven loop material to an elastomeric model to provide elastic properties to the resulting composite.
- 17. (withdraw The disposable absorbent article of claim 15 wherein the first fastening component has been produced by orienting the nonwoven web in the machine

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direction and necking the removen web in the cross machine direction.

- 18. (original) The d sposable absorbent article of claim 15 wherein the first astening component has been produced by orienting the netwoven web in the cross machine direction.
- 19. (original) The d. sposable absorbent article of claim 15 wherein constituent fibers of the nonwoven web become oriented in the direction of the force without substantial necking or gatheting of the nonwoven web in the direction perpendicular to the applied force.
- 20. (withdrawn) A distosable absorbent article of claim 15 wherein constituent fibers of the nonwoven web become oriented in the direction of the force with concomitant necking or narrowing of the nonwoven web in the direction perpendicular to the applied force.
- 21. (withdrawn) The c sposable absorbent article of claim 15 wherein the first f stening component has been stabilized by thermally trea ing the material.

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